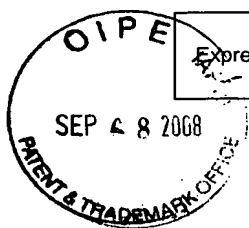




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114 is being filed concurrently with this amendment. The claim amendments and accompanying remarks are responsive to the final Office Action which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2007 (Paper No. 20070711). A separate petition for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.